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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Virginia Caranci

Don't you think we have come a long way in eleven years? The first appointed commission members discussed what route to take in order to preserve Louisville history. Questions such as, how to collect the artifacts and catalog them, what buildings and homes were to be nominated for the national register, how to preserve the community building, and how we were going to find and afford a site for the museum, were asked by these first members.

Well, 1988 was a banner year for us and all these questions have been answered. We have almost finished cataloging, there are thirteen buildings and homes listed in the National Register and more have been nominated. The Community building was preserved several years ago with the financial help from the city. We have started collecting family histories to be put into a book. Thanks to the City of Louisville buying and leasing the buildings to us, we opened one museum three years ago and are about to complete the second one this year. The city has put in a sprinkling system and sod around the museum area and will begin landscaping this spring to give the site a wonderful look.

In 1988 we had about one thousand people tour the Museum. This included tours by our school children, childrens organizations, church groups, Labor Day, Old Fashioned Christmas, private tours, the Italian Festival, and people coming during our open hours.

This year, 1989, the Commission and Society are looking forward to a productive year. With the hard work by our members and skilled journeyman volunteers, we have had to pay only for materials in order to open the second Museum. Every second Thursday Tuesday we are cataloging, our

committees are working on the 4th of July auction, we are busy taking tours through the Museum, we are trying hard to raise money to finish the museum and are trying to wind up our family histories.

As everyone can see, what the commission and society lack in numbers is made up in enthusiasm. We are always looking for helpers, so please come forth and volunteer. I know our can do anything attitude will rub off on you!

## CURATOR'S CORNER

Commission and Society members have worked diligently during the past three months to finalize the cataloging of artifacts in the museum. That process is almost completed with virtually all items having identification numbers on them. Additionally, Emajane Enrietto, Isabelle Hudson, Ilene Schmidt, Pat Seader, Virginia Caranci, and Betty Buffo are organizing a three card filing system commonly used in museums to catalog artifacts. It is important to understand that all items donated to the museum are carefully identified, cleaned, and restored so as to preserve the historical quality of each object.

Members are now in the process of restoring photographs in the museum and some of the large photos have been newly matted and framed.

Our most recent donors are Lillian Buffo, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. John Madonna Jr., The Louisville Study Club, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Caranci, and Mrs. Olga Schreiter.

## JACOE STORE

Commission and Society members have made great strides within the past few months relating to the completion of the Jacoe Store. The interior of the building has taken on a dramatic, new appearance with the installation, taping, and finishing of sheet rock on the walls. All plumbing has been roughed in for the bathroom, utility sink, outside faucet, and hot water tank. A new electric hot water tank has been purchased and will be hooked up soon. Also, a solid pine door was purchased for the back entrance and has been installed, stained and finished. The cellar area of the store is now being utilized for storage and is now a functional part of the museum.

None of the work could have been completed without the unselfish attitude of our volunteers. The Commission and Society would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following people for their help and expertise: John Garcia Jr., Bill Shafer, Ray Woodbury, Don Ross, Chuck Hogg, Ron Finleon, Bryan Gambrall and Commission members John Garcia Sr., Bill Buffo and Society member Betty Buffo.

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## MUSEUM HOURS

The Louisville Museum will begin regular hours on Saturday, March 4, 1989. The Museum will be open every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. through September. Special openings can be arranged by appointment by calling Virginia Caranci at 666-6235.

The Historical Commission and Society would like to encourage anyone interested to volunteer their time to sit at the museum. This is a good opportunity to be involved in the community and allows someone to share in the history of our town. Responsibilities would include answering questions about artifacts located in the museum, or general questions about Louisville history.

**WE STILL WANT YOUR FAMILY  
HISTORIES !**

## TROUBLE AT THE HECLA

### HISTORICAL PRESENTATION ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, April 29, 1989 the Louisville Historical Commission will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the heated labor conflict in and around Louisville and especially the culmination of the unrest at the Hecla Mine northeast of Louisville. A lecture, slide presentation, and historical walk will take place on Saturday the 29th at the Louisville Community Building at 801 Grant Avenue.

The activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will finish at 11:30 a.m. with a walking tour that will retrace the route of a Boulder County Sheriff from the Old Union Hall to the Hecla Mine. The tour will cover approximately 1 mile so dress accordingly and wear appropriate shoes for the walk. For those unable to walk there will be an opportunity to also visit the sites. For more information please contact Ron Buffo at 666-9508.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Historical Society continues to play an important part with the Historical Commission. If you are receiving this newsletter it is because you are a Society Member. Please encourage others who are not members to join and be a part of an interesting and dynamic group. We are well over 100 members strong and are continuing to grow rapidly. Membership is only \$5.00 per year (household) and entitles you to four issues of our newsletter and informs you of all historically related events occurring in Louisville.

Additionally, membership entitles you to volunteer as much time and expertise as you want (optional of course) to the various projects conducted by the Commission and Society. For more information, membership or volunteer work, please call Betty Buffo at 666-6857.

**LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS  
1948**

by Ron Buffo

The people of Louisville have always taken great pride in the athletic accomplishments of individuals from the community. One of the greatest sources of pride is attributed to the 1st Football State Championship Team from Louisville in 1948.

In 1947 the Pirates had a very successful season and were second in the State Championships having lost the title game to Burlington, Colorado. (The Louisville team traveled to Burlington that year by plane). Louisville players were hoping to be able to play Burlington once again so as to exact some revenge, not only for losing but also for some very uncomplimentary comments made about the varied ethnic backgrounds of the Louisville team.

During the 1948 regular season the Louisville squad had won 7 games and lost 2 in the Platte Valley League and were crowned Conference Champions. Results of those regular season games were:

LOUISVILLE	26	FORT LUPTON	0
LOUISVILLE	11	FORT LUPTON	0
LOUISVILLE	56	KEENSBURG	6
LOUISVILLE	40	KEENSBURG	20
LOUISVILLE	19	LAFAYETTE	0
LOUISVILLE	6	LAFAYETTE	7
LOUISVILLE	21	ADAMS CITY	0
LOUISVILLE	46	ADAMS CITY	10
LOUISVILLE	0	HAYDEN	6

When the state playoffs rolled around again in 1948 Burlington had been defeated by Ordway in the quarterfinals and Louisville had defeated Edgewater 12-0 and Eaton 6-0. The semi-final game with Eaton was a bruising affair and was probably the hardest fought game of the year.

With the playoffs out of the way (the Pirates had traveled to Edgewater and Eaton) the stage was set for the Colorado Class B State Football Championship game to be held at Pirate's Field in Louisville against the high school team from Ordway, Colorado. Under the direction of Coach

T. Nuttall the Louisville contingent was as ready as they could possibly be. Running their offense a balanced T-Formation with Nick "Gingers" DiGiallonardo at quarterback the Pirate as quite formidable. The remainder of the

Louisville squad included John "J.T." Hefton-Fullback, Minoru "Meech" Yamamoto-Halfback, Bill Manning-Halfback, Leroy "Perk" Warembourg-End, Glenn "Gooney" Manning-End, Bill "Buff" Buffo-Tackle, Jack "Bum" LaSalle-Tackle, Pete Smart-Guard, Nick DelPizzo-Guard, and Bob "Steiny" Steinbaugh-Center. Most of these players also made up the defensive squad.

Interestingly, the championship game was played on Thanksgiving Day. The first half proved to be a relatively close affair based on the score but in reality the Louisville team was dominating the Ordway squad. Yamamoto made the first touchdown of the day on a fifteen yard run and the conversion failed. In the second quarter Ordway capitalized on a Louisville turnover deep in Pirate territory and subsequently scored. This would be Ordway's last score of the day as the Louisville team scored once more (again a run by Yamamoto) before halftime making the tally 13-7.

The second half saw the Pirate team completely dominate Ordway with DiGiallonardo and Bill Manning scoring touchdowns along with an impressive 50 yard interception return for a T.D. by Frank Kuretich. The final score: LOUISVILLE 31 ORDWAY 7.

The City of Louisville was buzzing with excitement after the game and for a long time afterwards. Team members were treated to many free meals and a special banquet was given in their honor. Also, the business's in town raised money and bought each member of the football team a special jacket for their accomplishment. This was truly an event that brought together the people of Louisville and was something that everyone could share in and be proud of. (Continued on Page 4)

**LOUISVILLE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**PIRATES**

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## LOUISVILLE ROSTER - 1948

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>		
DiGiallonardo, Nick	60	131	Sr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Manning, Glenn*	61	139	Sr.	ALL CONFERENCE
LaSalle, Jack	62	203	Sr.	ALL CONFERENCE - ALL STATE
Manning, Bill	63	117	Jr.	
Hefton, John	64	150	Jr.	
Eberl, Jim*	65	110	Sr.	
DelPizzo, Nick	65	151	Sr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Smart, Pete	67	163	Jr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Yamamoto, Minoru	68	148	Sr.	
Petrilli, Joe	67	129	Jr.	
Kuretich, Frank	71	163	So.	
Scriffiny, Joe	73	130	Jr.	
Steinbaugh, Bob*	74	160	Jr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Buffo, Bill	75	176	Jr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Warembourg, Leroy	76	123	Sr.	ALL CONFERENCE
Ross, Bobby	77	120	So.	
Leslie, Jack	79	140	So.	
Biella, Dick	80	135	So.	
DeBorski, Leo	81		So.	
Elliot, Roy		142	Sr.	
DiLorenzo, Melvin		130	Fr.	
Sneddon, Bob		93	Fr.	
McCabe, Pete		115	Fr.	
Seader, Bill		126	So.	
Zancanelli, Gerald		130	Fr.	
Deuel, Robert		100	Fr.	

\*Deceased

**COACHES - HEAD COACH: O.T. NUTTALL, ASSIST.COACH: ED KILLIN.**

**AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:**

**BACKFIELD - 136 lbs.      LINE - 159 lbs.**

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Upcoming issues of this newsletter will contain more stories relating to the sports history of Louisville. There were other state championship football teams from Louisville High School and there are many other teams and individuals, male and female, who contributed to this history. If you have any information that would be helpful please contact the editor as we would like to do justice to this aspect of Louisville history. The Historical Commission has acquired the trophies that were once at the High School and they will be housed in the renovated museum when it is completed.

## INTERURBAN WRECK ON LABOR DAY - 1920

From the Louisville Times, Sept. 9, 1920)  
**INTERURBAN WRECK ON MONDAY  
DROWS GLOOM OVER ENTIRE TOWN  
65 INTERURBAN TICKETS SOLD  
LOUISVILLE PEOPLE  
ONE-HALF OF THE DEAD ARE FROM  
LOUISVILLE  
SIX DEATHS AND MORE THAN 30  
INJURED,  
TOLL OF THIS TOWN ON LABOR DAY  
THE SERIOUSLY INJURED ARE IN  
DENVER HOSPITALS  
FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY AND  
FRIDAY**

The news of the interurban wreck, bringing with it, its fatal news of the deaths and serious injuries to so many of the citizens of our town, Monday, just at the noon hour, was a stunning blow to the entire population.

Almost every auto in the town was called into service to take people to the scene of the wreck of cars and humanity, who had members of their family aboard the ill-fated car. Messages were received by the relatives in many instances, as fast as the telephone connections and telegrams could be sent. Of the twelve deaths of the accident, six were residents of Louisville, and of the 112 injured, more than forty resided here.

It is reported such a large number of doctors and nurses, and volunteers responded to the emergency call, that within an hour after the accident, every injured person had been transported to a Denver hospital and being cared for by the corps of efficient doctors and nurses.

Those who have escaped without or with slight injuries, are horror stricken at the sight and with the experience through which they have passed, that for the most part they will not talk about it, and numbers are prostrated by the shock.

The blame for the accident has been laid upon the crew of the special car, which was loaded with people intending to spend the afternoon at Eldorado Springs. They had their instructions to leave an open track for the regular train, but the motorman apparently had forgotten the time table and that a regular train was due, and did not stop at Globeville where they should have waited on the side track. It was just two minutes after they left Globeville, on a curve in the track that the cars collided, both cars traveling at high speed.

The cars were crowded, many of the people were standing in the isles, and a number of men were in the vestibule with the motorman.

When the conductor, Grenamyre, saw the car rushing toward them on the track ahead, he exclaimed,

"My God, boys, look what's coming—jump for your lives," and he jumped, instantly meeting death. One or two others followed his example meeting the same fate, with the exception of Pete Zarina, who sustained bruises. The crash came and moans and cries of the injured rent the air, until the arrival of assistance, which rapidly gathered at the scene of disaster.

The dead of Louisville are: Frank Carveth, a miner, and a business partner in the Carveth Bros. & Dalby store, Frank Dalby (cousin to Carveth) a miner. Both of these men have lived in Louisville for many years and have always stood for progress and advancement. Mr. Dalby was a widower, and leaves one son and an aged father; while Mr. Carveth leaves a wife and four daughters. Three other deaths were of young men, who have been raised here, educated in our grade schools, and have worked in the mines since reaching manhood. William Zarina, aged 22, Joseph Lombardi, aged 18, and William Helburg.

William Zarina was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Zarina, and besides his parents leaves four brothers and two sisters.

William Helburg, was the eldest son of Mrs. Victor Helburg, and since his father's death four years ago, has been the main support of his mother and sisters.

Joseph Cortez is a Mexican section boss, of the C & S railroad, and leaves a wife and several children.

So many were injured, we can not learn even at this late date, if our list is complete. The injured were:

Albert Gredier, fracture of right clavicle and ribs.

William Palmer, two ribs, and collar bone broken and injury to lungs.

Frank Bottenelli, injury over his right eye, shoulder broken and probably internal injuries.

Mrs. C.S. Evans, shoulder broken, and bruises.

Mike Fabrizio, laceration over left eye, and leg.

Frank Warembourg, laceration over left eye and leg.

Earl Biggins, internal injuries.

Mrs. Earl Biggins, clavical broken.

Adam Dixon, internal injuries and injured legs and also fracture of left collar bone.

Robert Willis, left leg fractured.

John Brennon, fracture of the right and injury to back and arm, also contusion at back of head; condition serious.

Gus Cook, fracture of left collarbone.

Geogre Dalby, dislocated hip and scratches on face.

Pete Zarina, not badly injured has returned home.

Ed Kakalecke, compound fracture of left leg and head injured.

C.S. Evans, bruises and scratches.

Geo Cheek, hurt internally.

Margaret Cheek, 1 1/2 years, cuts and bruises.

W.D. Morgan, fracture left tibia, neck and back bruised.

P. Lorenzo, injured chest on left side. (Continued on Page 6)

Nickolas Ginoff, minor injuries.  
Tellie Bottenelli, arm broken, scratches and bruises.  
Bessie Thirlaway, slight cuts on face, bruised ankle.  
Buck LaSalle, slight injuries.  
John Giorzelli, cuts and bruises.  
James Richards, hurt internally. Condition serious.

Mike James, bruises.  
John P. Ewart, bruises and sprained ankle.  
James Ferrari, internal injuries.  
James Kirkmyer of Boulder, who had one arm amputated and both legs broken is a cousin of Mrs. Joseph Lackner.

Jim Fisher and wife, whose address is given as Broomfield is a nephew of Mrs. W.O. McCulloch. Both were slightly injured.

The above is the list of the Louisville injured and dead.

(For more information on the Denver and Interurban Railroad a very good book is *The Kite Route* by William C. Jones and Noel T. Holley, published by Pruett Publishing Co. of Boulder)

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## PERSONALITIES OF THE PAST

### DR. WALTER L. SNAIR 1874-1938

Walter Lafayette Snair was born in Central City, Colorado on February 11, 1874 of pioneer parents. When he was three, the family moved to a homestead on the Tarryall River near Lake George. He went to a one-room school house for his early education, which was pretty sketchy due to severe winters and work on the ranch. By the time he was eleven years old, he was a seasoned cowboy. He helped his father take a cattle drive of longhorn steers from Texas to Idaho. When he was seventeen his father died. Walter and his mother moved to Colorado City west of Colorado Springs. His mother apprenticed him to a harness maker. He worked there a year and his mother prevailed on him to go to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska where his cousin was the Head Master. He worked his way through school as a janitor and handy man. In three years he had finished his school work. When he was twenty-three, his mother died and Walter went to Cripple Creek to cut timbers for the mines for a year. He attended school at the University of Colorado and worked as a logger during the summers. Dr. Griffin urged him into medicine and he attended the University of Colorado Medical School from which he graduated in 1900. After graduation he went into General Practice with Peter Fisher at Walden, Colorado. In 1901 he married Lulu Clarke in

Loveland, Colorado.

Dr. Snair came to Louisville in mid-summer of 1910. He established himself in Louisville for a period of twenty-three years from 1910-1933. He was a conscientious doctor and always ready to take an active part for the welfare of the community. He was head of the Red Cross during the flu epidemic. Dr. Snair was interested in the schools, churches, and the young people. His friends came from many walks of life. For the last several years of his practice his health was impaired; his extreme devotion to his practice, no doubt, had much to do with his forced retirement. Dr. and Mrs. Snair lived in Ramona, California until his death in 1938. Mrs. Snair passed away a year later in San Diego, California. They are both buried at Glen Abbey Church (The Little Church of the Roses) outside of Chula Vista, California. They raised four children: Betty Lu Keyes, Berta K. Zarini, Ann C. Ahlberg, and Walter Clarke Snair.

### MAUDE (MACHIN) JOHNSON 1887-1975

Maude (Machin) Johnson was born on August 20, 1887 to Jonathan and Mary Machin. She attended schools in Louisville and in 1903, two months before her sixteenth birthday, began working for the Telephone Company as an operator in Louisville. In 1906 she was promoted to manager of the Louisville Exchange and in 1914 was named manager of the Lafayette Exchange. Several years later, she transferred to Santa Monica, California where she worked for the Pacific Telephone Company. Returning to Colorado she continued her work with the Telephone Company in the Main Office in Denver. She held positions as Long Distance Operator, Chief Clerk in Traffic, and finally as Payroll Supervisor in the Colorado Traffic Department. She retired on June 14, 1943 after 40 years of continuous service with the Telephone Company.

Mrs. Johnson was one of the founders of the Denver Life Member Club of the Telephone Pioneers of America in 1944. She was the second secretary of the Life Member Club, serving in 1946 and 1947. She was historian in 1958 and 1959, and for several years she was Activities Chairman participating in the clubs growth from a group of 53 to 1,382 in 1975.

During her retirement years, Mrs. Johnson was an enthusiastic traveller. She travelled extensively in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. She also toured Europe and the British Isles five times and took one trip around the world.

Mrs. Johnson was a 53 year member of Fern Chapter No. 94, Order of the Eastern Star in Denver, a member of Mizpah Shrine No.4 of the White Shrine Jerusalem, in Boulder, and attended the Christian Science Church.